5/1/71

Dear Howard,

Sorry I couldn't get to your mailing of 4/27 sooner. I've been busy on serious matters and preparing for the NYC trip, on which I leave this a.m. If I can I'll get to some of the enclosed clips before leaving. And please use the postage scales I gave you. On this one you underestimated by 12¢. The problem is not the money but the extra work for the people in the p.o. who are so kind to me—and it sometimes delays mail. I,too, was surprised that the envelope required so much, but they were sharp.

Your letter to Elephante is excellent, but wait until you see what tomorrow's Times call a "review". I've written them on it. Lil retyped early this a.m.

That business with Bell is worthwhile. I can't remember where I filed my early (1966) work on this. That was when I wasn't taking time to card the CDs I got. I have filed your corres. under Shot, Placement. Your memory will be better than mine in the future. I had a file Shots, Number, but don't find it. There are two stroies I can add. One, as I may have told you, Mary Ferrell, 4406 Holland, has the legitimate tape by the legit radio reporter who was simultaneously honored for his sharpness anf fired without explanation. She was to have made me a dub and hasn't. Why not write her, tell her I asked you to, for her to send the dub she promised me to you, and they you can dub it and give it to me? Or, we can dub it when you are here.

Rusk quote top page "Current Documents" appropriate!

Returning Knight clip (pertinent comment). Why not write him, impressed as hell with this "Free Press Keeps Government Honest" jazz, and ask for copies of his or his papers' comment on Helms' speech to them, especially were they talk about the underwater part of that CIA iceberg, or where they compare his remarks with the current revelations about their clandestine activities in Viet Nam,all in the context of "trust us"? Be interesting if you get a reply. Those he mentions, perhaps unknown to you, are old whores.

Dick has not yet sent me Belin's to SM. I've sent her my notes on her draft.

On your time here: I hope it will be sufficient to update corres index. I may be filing several more suits, if I can see my way clear. Lil and I are not worried about time. I'll kjow more about some things when I return from NY I want to get on AGENT OSWALD now with the FBI still hot. Harboro is remaindering Wicker, for $1.000. I hope I can remember to ask Jerry to get me a copy at their NY store. Yours is an interesting observation, and I might want a copule of sentences on it.

11/21 JFK speech not in my mind. Might want to use in TIGER, as you indicate. I've written about the rest of your 4/25/

Anderson-WIA dupe. Returning. Making new contracts there.

Boggs might have laid an egg anyway, but Bud's help will become clear to you from his stupid and inept sneaking on behind my back to cut out the viable approach I made for the sake of promoting his committee and self. You'll get all I've done in end, some via RB.

McMillan quote of Dulles important to me in a way you can't conceive. Remind me.

Mitchell's speech of yesterday, fromradio reports, is one I'll enjoy. Hope the Post has good account this a.m. I like that truthdulness bit from him!

Hestily,